FYI re: Emerson

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FYI from the RCMP.

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Update:

- The Divisional Integrated Border Enforcement Team (IBET) in Manitoba was advised by the United States Border Patrol (USBP) yesterday morning that a group of East Indian nationals were located crossing the border into the U.S. from Canada and noted there were indicators of more southbound travelers in the area.
- IBET responded immediately, but were unable to gain access due to heavy snow conditions.
- By mid day, the team had located 4 deceased persons (2 males, 1 woman and 1 infant) in a rural area on the Canadian side of the border near Emerson.
- Investigation is underway. Preliminary findings indicate deceased may have succumbed to the elements. Identity not yet confirmed.
- USBP advised they found an unknown number of deceased on the US side and there are more people in hospital.
- RCMP is working closely with US counterparts and the CBSA.

Note that the press conference is at 11:30am CT. Communications products (including post presser lines) to move to MinO via the usual Comms channel.